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Comments: I love the Payette rim trail, and ride it nearly every day. Unfortunately, the Payette Lakes Trail, that links the Payette Rim Trail to the north end of the lake, is basically a "Trail to Nowhere." There is too much dirt road that the trail goes on, and you have to ride 4 miles of dirt road to get to the 2nd section of fun single track. This was a big mistake and not many people ride it because of that. It should be continuous single track the entire way. I think this new trail has the same problem. The Blackwell Lake trail, where this proposed trail intersects, climbs a miserable cobblestone dirt road for several miles. Hardly anyone rides that trail because there is so much "hike-a-bike," and it is marginally rideable by mountain bikes. If you wanted to ride to the Crestline parking lot, you're sharing a long dusty dirt road with hundreds of Boise tourists on Side-By-Sides rented from the Ridley's parking lot. The north end of this proposed trail ends at another dirt road, a long way from anywhere. I would recommend keeping the singletrack continuous (ie not linking up a bunch of dirt roads), and easily accessible from both the south and north ends of the lake. Otherwise you will spend a bunch of time and money on another Trail to Nowhere. If you want to mountain bike around the lake, you're mostly on dirt roads with this plan.